

sermon notes

March 22, 2026 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Messiah Bible Church | **No Other Name**
"With all Boldness and Without Hindrance" | **Acts 28:17–31**

What does boldness in sharing the gospel look like?

- 1) Boldness means not _____
under your feet (28:17–21)
- 2) Boldness means not _____
from your listeners (28:22–27)
- 3) Boldness means not _____
with any who will listen (28:28–31)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Acts 28:17–31. Define the word "boldness" in your own words. How did Paul demonstrate boldness throughout the book of Acts? How did he demonstrate boldness in Rome at the end of the book?

Did Paul do anything different in Rome than he had done in other cities? How were his circumstances similar? How were they different? What were his limitations? Did those limitations prevent him from ministering to others?

Why did Paul go to the Jews first in Rome? How did he seek to convince them about Jesus from the Law of Moses and the Prophets? Which OT passages might he have used? Which OT passages have already been referenced in Acts as fulfilled in Christ (e.g., Deut 18:15–19; Isa 52:13–53:12; 2 Sam 7:12–16; Ps 16:8–11; Joel 2:28–32; Isa 49:6)?

GET PERSONAL

List the people in Acts who displayed boldness and courage for Christ. Is boldness a significant theme in Acts? If so, what does God intend to teach us through that theme? What, if anything, prevents you from displaying similar boldness in your Christian walk?

Does fear of rejection ever keep you from proclaiming the gospel openly? Should we be surprised when people reject the gospel? Why or why not?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Let's do a thought experiment. Suppose the Apostle Paul visited your city this week. What do you think Paul would do in your city? If he met with you, what would he tell you? What would he encourage you to pursue? What might he identify in your life that hinders faithful obedience? What might he say about your church (positive and negative)?

ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

Review the book of Acts as a whole. Watch the two overview videos from The Bible Project on Acts: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/acts>

List five to six major themes in Acts. What are the most significant principles that God has taught you through this book? In what areas of your life do you desire growth in light of studying this book? What questions from Acts still remain unresolved for you? Pray about these matters and ask God for wisdom. What does James 1:5 say about those who ask God for wisdom?